

REMARKS

Claims 10, 11 and 15-18 will be pending after entry of this amendment. Claims 10, 11 and 15-18 are allowed. Claims 19-22 stand rejected. Claims 19-22 have been canceled. Claim 23 was canceled by a prior amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for adding new matter. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the limitations of claim 19 regarding a nucleic acid that encodes an antigenic polypeptide of at least 10 contiguous residues of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 are not supported by the specification or claims as filed.

Applicants disagree. However, in order to further prosecution, applicants have canceled claims 19-22. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 10, 11 and 15-18 have been allowed. Applicants have canceled all other claims in the present application. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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